

(SMITH)

GEN. WALTER BEDELL SMITH UNDERWENT MINOR SURGERY TODAY TO IMPROVE DRAINAGE OF A LUNG ABCESS FOR WHICH HE HAS BEEN HOSPITALIZED SINCE LAST OCT. 13.

A SPOKESMAN AT WALTER REED HOSPITAL SAID SMITH'S IMMEDIATE POST-OPERATIVE CONDITION WAS "VERY SATISFACTORY."

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